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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL.

The news follows in detail:

OCTOBER RADIO AMATEUR EXAMINATION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

The results of the Radio Amateurs' Examination held on 16th October have been released. In terms of our agreement with ICASA, all 66 successful students may immediately go on the air using the callsigns allocated.

A complete list of the successful candidates may be found on the SARL web site at www.sarl.org.za. A confirmation letter will be sent to each candidate within the next few days. Official certificates will follow once these are received from ICASA.

The SARL thanks all those volunteers who assisted students in their studies, and those who assisted in the invigilation of the examination. Special thanks also go to the examiner and moderators.

SARLnews extends a hearty welcome to the newcomers on the amateur radio bands and trust that they will enjoy this very interesting and versatile hobby for the rest of their lives.

The next Radio Amateurs' Examination will take place in May 2004, and courses leading to the examination will begin in February.

PRESIDENTS NET TO BE EXPANDED

Don't forget to join the President's Net, which will be broadcast today at 12:00 - 13:00. Initially only on 40 m from Gauteng, the President's Net will be gradually expanded to cover as much of the country as possible.

Today will feature a link between the Western Cape and Gauteng, with President Graham Hartlett at the Cape Town end. The net will be linked in to some local repeaters as well, to allow more people to participate.

So listen out on your local repeater, or on 7 082 kHz, 10 135 kHz, or 14 282 kHz.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL AND MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITED

The next annual General Meeting of the SARL will take place on the 2nd April 2004 and in preparation for the event, nominations and motions are called for.

1. NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

There are currently 4 vacancies on Council and in terms of Rule 16.2 nominations are invited from members of the SARL to fill these vacancies. Should more than 4 nominations be received a ballot will be held.

Each nomination must contain the following:

1. Full names, callsign and address of nominee.
2. An amateur radio related CV of not more than 200 words.
3. A signed declaration by the nominee that s/he will accept nomination and serve on the Council of the SARL if elected.
4. Each nomination must be signed by a proposer and seconder.
5. Only fully paid-up members (Rule 16.3) of the SARL may be nominated, propose and second a nomination.

The nominations must reach the Secretary by no later than 30 November 2003.

2. MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motions for submission and consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the SARL are invited from members.

Each motion must contain the following:

1. A concise description of the motion.
2. A motivation in support of the motion.
3. Each motion must be signed by a proposer and a seconder.

The nominations must reach the Secretary by no later than 16 December 2003. In both cases, the nominations and motions must be mailed or faxed to:

The Secretary SARL P O Box 1732 Strubensvallei 1735

Tel: 011 675 2395 Fax: 011 675 2793

SAATI EXTENDS ITS ACTIVITIES

At the last SAATI management meeting, it was decided to somewhat extend the activities of the South African Amateur Technology Institute. During the previous year the word “Telecommunications” in the name of the society was replaced by the word “Technology” and therefore it was felt that new activities need not be restricted to digital communication, at least not right at the beginning.

SAATI is considering initiating a project to increase the utilisation of the 23 cm band. In the SAATI tradition this can not be a chequebook project, but will have to comprise the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge and skills and the development of inexpensive kits.

If this project interests you in any way, please contact the persons whose names will be given at the end of this news item.

At the moment the project is still completely open and everyone who has ideas on the development thereof or who has knowledge or skill to contribute or who simply feels like joining in the fun, will be most welcome. SAATI would also like to hear about work already done in this regard or of ongoing work.

SARLnews is of the opinion that this is a praiseworthy project which SAATI has in mind. 23 cm seems to be readily available with modern handheld sets, but only in FM mode. The availability of 23 cm base sets for other modes should inter alia make more satellite working possible. SAATI deserves support with this project which they have in mind.

If you are at all interested, please contact one of the following persons: Louis Kruger, ZR6ABC, at 012 345 3275 or 082 336 2597 or send an e-mail to llk@mweb.co.za. Fritz Sutherland, ZS6ASF, at 012 997 1114 or 083 304 0028 or send an e-mail to zs6asf@icon.co.za.

IARU FUND CONTRIBUTION

In response to the request for contributions to the IARU Fund, the Durban Amateur Radio Club and its members have made a donation of R800,00 towards this fund.

Many thanks, Durban!

Due to this, and previously acknowledged contributions, it appears that this initiative of the SA Amateur Radio Development Trust is gathering momentum nicely and that the SARL may soon again have a say in the organisation that represents the interests of radio amateurs worldwide.

Please send your donation to SA Amateur Radio Development Trust, P O Box 90438, Garsfontein 0042 or transfer the money directly into the account at ABSA, Account number 560 142 722, Branch code: 334 126.

All donors will receive a certificate acknowledging their donation. A list of donors will be published on the SARL website.

NATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO CENTRE - OPEN MORNING

The next open day at the National Amateur Radio Centre is again going to be a very interesting morning.

There is going to be a display of various types and kinds of kits that can be purchased and built up from scratch. Some of these kits include anything from power supplies and upwards.

The morning is being arranged by Gilles, ZR6GDC, who, in association with a distributor, will be there to display their wares and answer any questions and what else is available from them.

As usual, the office will be open for collection of QSL cards.

Come and join us and spend a morning among friends and interesting items. The ZS6OF memorial shack will also be open.

The NARC will be open from about 09:00 am and all are welcome to pay us a visit. The display will be open from 10:00 to 12:00 noon.

Remember, Saturday 1 November 2003.

HAMNET MESSAGE TO RAYNET'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

The following e-mail was sent to Paul Gaskell, G4MWO, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the RSGB emergency Communications division called RAYNET, on Saturday the 25th of October.

“On behalf of HAMNET, the Emergency Communications Division of the South African Radio League, we would like to take this opportunity of congratulating RAYNET on 50 wonderful years of voluntary service to the communities in and around your country when requested to do so.

We are very fortunate not having too many call outs in South Africa, but we make use of many opportunities to sharpen our communications skills by volunteering our services to sporting events in particular.

We also regularly access your Website for information and updates and wish you well in the future”

Kind regards Francois Botha ZS6BUU National Director HAMNET

Ps. We had a reply from Paul thanking us for our good wishes and that all correspondence will be read out at their convention centre on Saturday.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Arrangements have been made with the SABC that the annual Remembrance service for the amateurs who died while on duty for the RSA will be broadcasted on the RSG service at 10:45 on 9th November 2003. The service will be conducted by Rev. Lendes de Villiers, ZS6LLV, minister of the NG Kerk, Rietfontein-Noord. We request that amateurs maintain radio silence during the transmission of the service.

CENTURION ARC NOV MEETING

The committee of the Centurion Amateur Radio Club extends an invitation to all past and present club members to attend the club's next monthly meeting which will take place on the 1st November at 14:00 in the Wierda Park Scout Hall which is situated at the corner of Willem Botha and Springbok streets, Wierda Park.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Special event station GB50RAEN 20 to 31 October. The cut off date for membership renewals is 31 October. NARC open morning on the 1st November. Centurion Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting also on the 1st November. Annual remembrance service Sunday morning 9th November.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

ARMI is sponsored by Telkom and Sentech.

You are also invited to join the President's net which will be presented today between 12:00 and 13:00 on 7 082, 10 135, or 14 282 kHz and various local repeaters.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by George, ZS6NE, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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